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COMMITTEE REPORT No. 50 RECEIVED BY:

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Submitted by the Committee on Ways and Means on FEB 17 2020

Re: Senate Bill No. 1357

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 535, 595, and 702 taking into consideration House Bill No. 4157.

Sponsor: Sen. Pia S. Cayetano

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Ways and Means to which were referred Senate Bill No. 535, introduced by Senator Zubiri, entitled:

AN ACT

REDUCING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

S.B. No. 595, introduced by Senator Recto, entitled:

AN ACT

INSTITUTING INCOME TAX REFORM FOR CORPORATE TAXPAYERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE, SECTIONS 27(A) AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED

S.B. No. 702, introduced by Senator Angara, entitled:

AN ACT

REDUCING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, AMENDING SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

and House Bill No. 4157, introduced by Representatives Suansing, H., Suansing, E., Salceda, Singson-Meehan, et al., entitled:

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 5, 20, 22, 27, 28, 34, 40, 50, 73, 112, 117, 204, 222, 237, 237-A, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 263, 264, 266, 275, 290, 291, 292 AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 6-A, 282-A, 293, 294, 294-A, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, AND 316, ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

has considered the same and has the honor to report these back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached bill, Senate Bill No. $\underline{1357}$, prepared by the Committee, entitled:

AN ACT

REFORMING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND INCENTIVES SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4, 20, 27, 28, 34 AND 290 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLE XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 535, 595, and 702 taking into consideration House Bill No. 4157 with Senators Zubiri, Recto, Angara and Cayetano as authors.

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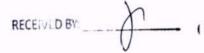
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s. No. 1357



(In Substitution of S.B. Nos. 535, 595, and 702 taking into consideration H.B. No. 4157)

Prepared by the Committee on Ways and Means with Senators Zubiri, Recto, Angara, and Cayetano as authors

AN ACT REFORMING THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX AND INCENTIVES SYSTEM, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 4, 20, 27, 28, 34 AND 290 OF THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED, AND CREATING THEREIN NEW TITLE XIII, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Corporate Income Tax and Incentives Reform Act" or "CITIRA."

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is hereby declared the policy of the State to develop the national economy towards global competitiveness by implementing tax policies instrumental in attracting investments, which will result in productivity enhancement, employment generation, countrywide development, and a more inclusive economic growth, while at the same time maintaining fiscal prudence and stability.

To achieve these objectives, the State shall:

- (a) Improve the equity and efficiency of the corporate tax system by lowering the rate, widening the tax base, and reducing tax distortions and leakages; and
- (b) Develop a more responsive and globally-competitive tax incentives regime that is performance-based, targeted, time-bound, and transparent.
- SEC. 3. Section 4 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
 - "SEC. 4. Power of the Commissioner to Interpret Tax Laws and to Decide Tax Cases. The power to interpret the provisions of the Code and other tax laws shall be under the exclusive and original

jurisdiction of the Commissioner, subject to review by the Secretary of Finance: *PROVIDED*, *THAT* THE POWER TO INTERPRET THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE XIII OF THE CODE ON TAX INCENTIVES SHALL BE THE EXCLUSIVE AND ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIVE APPELLATE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OF TAX APPEALS.

"The power to decide disputed assessments, refunds of internal revenue taxes, fees or other charges, penalties imposed in relation thereto, or other matters arising under this Code or other laws or portions thereof administered by the Bureau of Internal Revenue is vested in the Commissioner, subject to the exclusive appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Tax Appeals."

SEC. 4. Section 20 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 20. Submission of Report and Pertinent Information by the Commissioner. -

"(A) x x x

"(B) SUBMISSION OF TAX-RELATED INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. – THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, UPON THE ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING THE NEEDED INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH ORDER, FURNISH THE SECRETARY PERTINENT TAXPAYER INFORMATION: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SECRETARY AND THE RELEVANT OFFICERS HANDLING SUCH SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHALL BE COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 270 UNLESS THE TAXPAYER CONSENTS IN WRITING TO SUCH DISCLOSURE.

"[(B)] (C) Report to Oversight Committee. – The Commissioner shall, with reference to Section 204 of this Code, submit to the Oversight Committee referred to in Section 290 hereof, through the [Chairmen] CHAIRPERSONS of the Committees on Ways and Means of the Senate and House of Representatives, a report on the exercise of his powers pursuant to the said Section, every six (6) months of each calendar year."

SEC. 5. Section 27 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. Rates of Income Tax on Domestic Corporations. -

"(A) In General. – Except as otherwise provided in this Code, [an income tax of thirty-five percent (35%)] AN INCOME TAX RATE OF TWENTY-NINE PERCENT (29%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, is hereby imposed upon the taxable income derived during each taxable year from all sources within and without the Philippines by every corporation, as defined in Section 22(B) of this Code and taxable under this Title as a corporation, organized in, or existing under the

laws of the Philippines: [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the rate of income tax shall be thirty percent (30%).] PROVIDED, THAT THE RATE OF CORPORATE INCOME TAX SHALL BE TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT (28%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021; TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT (27%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022; TWENTY-SIX PERCENT (26%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024; TWENTY-FOUR PERCENT (24%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025: TWENTY-THREE PERCENT (23%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026; TWENTY-TWO PERCENT (22%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; TWENTY-ONE PERCENT (21%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2028: AND TWENTY PERCENT (20%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2029: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE SCHEDULED DECREASE IN THE RATE BEGINNING 2025 MAY BE SUSPENDED BY THE PRESIDENT UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE IF THE PROJECTED DEFICIT TARGET AS A PERCENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) EXCEEDS PROGRAMMED DEFICIT. AS DETERMINED THE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET COORDINATION COMMITTEE (DBCC) IN THE PRECEDING YEAR PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED REDUCTION IN THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, BASED ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MEDIUM TERM FISCAL PROGRAM.

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"In the case of corporations adopting the fiscal-year accounting period, the taxable income shall be computed without regard to the specific date when specific sales, purchases and other transactions occur. Their income and expenses for the fiscal year shall be deemed to have been earned and spent equally for each month of the period.

"The corporate income tax rate shall be applied on the amount computed by multiplying the number of months covered by the new rate within the fiscal year by the taxable income of the corporation for the period, divided by twelve.

["Provided, further, That the President, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Finance, may, effective January 1, 2000, allow corporations the option to be taxed at fifteen percent (15%) of gross income as defined herein, after the following conditions have been satisfied:

- "(1) A tax effort ratio of twenty percent (20%) of Gross National Product (GNP);
- "(2) A ratio of forty percent (40%) of income tax collection to total tax revenues;
 - "(3) A VAT tax effort of four percent (4%) of GNP; and
- "(4) A 0.9 percent (0.9%) ratio of the Consolidated Public Sector Financial Position (CPSFP) to GNP.

"The option to be taxed based on gross income shall be available only to firms whose ratio of cost of sales to gross sales or receipts from all sources does not exceed fifty-five percent (55%).

"The election of the gross income tax option by the corporation shall be irrevocable for three (3) consecutive taxable years during which the corporation is qualified under the scheme.

"For purposes of this Section, the term 'gross income' derived from business shall be equivalent to gross sales less sales returns, discounts and allowances and cost of goods sold. 'Cost of goods sold' shall include all business expenses directly incurred to produce the merchandise to bring them to their present location and use.

"For a trading or merchandising concern, 'cost of goods sold' shall include the invoice cost of the goods sold, plus import duties, freight in transporting the goods to the place where the goods are actually sold, including insurance while the goods are in transit.

"For a manufacturing concern, 'cost of goods manufactured and sold' shall include all costs of production of finished goods, such as raw materials used, direct labor and manufacturing overhead, freight cost, insurance premiums and other costs incurred to bring the raw materials to the factory or warehouse.

"In the case of taxpayers engaged in the sale of service, 'gross income' means gross receipts less sales returns, allowances and discounts.]

"(B) x x x.

- "(C) x x x
- "(D) x x x
- "(E) x x x."

SEC. 6. Section 28 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 28. Rates of Income Tax on Foreign Corporations. -

- "(A) Tax on Resident Foreign Corporations. -
- "(1) In General. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, a corporation organized, authorized, or existing under the laws of any foreign country, engaged in trade or business within the Philippines, shall be subject to an income tax equivalent to [thirty-five percent (35%)] TWENTY-NINE PERCENT (29%) of the taxable income derived in the preceding taxable year from all sources within the Philippines EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020: [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the rate of income tax shall be thirty percent (30%).] PROVIDED, THAT THE RATE OF CORPORATE INCOME TAX SHALL BE TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT (28%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021; TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT (27%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022; TWENTY-SIX PERCENT (26%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) BEGINNING

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"In the case of corporations adopting the fiscal-year accounting period, the taxable income shall be computed without regard to the specific date when sales, purchases and other transactions occur. Their income and expenses for the fiscal year shall be deemed to have been earned and spent equally for each month of the period."

"The corporate income tax rate shall be applied on the amount computed by multiplying the number of months covered by the new rate within the fiscal year by the taxable income of the corporation for the period, divided by twelve.

["Provided, however, That a resident foreign corporation shall be granted the option to be taxed at fifteen percent (15%) on gross income under the same conditions, as provided in Section 27(A).]

"(2) x x x

"(3) x x x

["(4) Offshore Banking Units. – The provisions of any law to the contrary notwithstanding, income derived by offshore banking units authorized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), from foreign currency transactions with nonresidents, other offshore banking units, local commercial banks, including branches of foreign banks that may be authorized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to transact business with offshore banking units shall be exempt from all taxes except net income from such transactions as may be specified by the Secretary of Finance, upon recommendation of the Monetary Board which shall be subject to the regular income tax payable by banks: Provided, however, That any interest income derived from foreign currency loans granted to residents other than offshore banking units or local commercial banks, including local branches of foreign banks that may be authorized by the BSP to transact business with offshore

banking units, shall be subject only to a final tax at the rate of ten percent (10%).

"Any income of nonresidents, whether individuals or corporations, from transactions with said offshore banking units shall be exempt from income tax.]

- ["(5)] (4) Tax on Branch Profits Remittances. Any profit remitted by a branch to its head office shall be subject to a tax of fifteen percent (15%) which shall be based on the total profits applied or earmarked for remittance without any deduction for the tax component thereof [(except those activities which are registered with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority).] The tax shall be collected and paid in the same manner as provided in Sections 57 and 58 of this Code: Provided, that interests, dividends, rents, royalties, including remuneration for technical services, salaries, wages premiums, annuities, emoluments or other fixed or determinable annual, periodic or casual gains, profits, income and capital gains received by a foreign corporation during each taxable year from all sources within the Philippines shall not be treated as branch profits unless the same are effectively connected with the conduct of its trade or business in the Philippines.
- "[(6)] (5) Regional or Area Headquarters and Regional Operating Headquarters of Multinational Companies. —
- "(a) Regional or area headquarters as defined in Section 22(DD) shall not be subject to income tax.
- "(b) Regional operating headquarters as defined in Section 22(EE) shall pay a tax of ten percent (10%) of their taxable income[.]:
- "PROVIDED, THAT AFTER TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, REGIONAL OPERATING HEADQUARTERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REGULAR CORPORATE INCOME TAX.
- "[(7)] (6) Tax on Certain Incomes Received by a Resident Foreign Corporation. –
- "(a) Interest from Deposits and Yield or any other Monetary Benefit from Deposit Substitutes, Trust Funds and Similar Arrangements and Royalties. Interest from any currency bank deposit and yield or any other monetary benefit from deposit substitutes and from trust funds and similar arrangements and royalties derived from sources within the Philippines shall be subject to a final income tax at the rate of twenty percent (20%) of such interest: Provided, however, That interest income derived by a resident foreign corporation from a depository bank under the expanded foreign currency deposit system shall be subject to a final income tax at the rate of [seven and one-half percent (7¹/2%)] FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) of such interest income.

- "(b) Income Derived under the Expanded Foreign Currency Deposit System. x x x
- "(c) Capital Gains from Sale of Shares of Stock Not Traded in the Stock Exchange. – A final tax at the rate [s prescribed below] OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) is hereby imposed upon the net capital gains realized during the taxable year from the sale, barter, exchange or other disposition of shares of stock in a domestic corporation except shares sold or disposed of through the stock exchange:

["Not over P100,000 5%

- "On any amount in excess of P100,000 10%]
- "(d) Intercorporate Dividends. x x x

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- "(B) Tax on Nonresident Foreign Corporation. -
- "(1) In General. Except as otherwise provided in this Code, a foreign corporation not engaged in trade or business in the Philippines. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, shall pay a tax equal to [thirty-five percent (35%)] TWENTY-NINE PERCENT (29%) of the gross income received during each taxable year from all sources within the Philippines, such as interests, dividends, rents, royalties, salaries, premiums (except reinsurance premiums), annuities, emoluments or other fixed or determinable annual, periodic or casual gains, profits and income, and capital gains, except capital gains subject to tax under subparagraph 5(c): [Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the rate of income tax shall be thirty percent (30%).] PROVIDED, THAT THE RATE OF CORPORATE INCOME TAX SHALL BE TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT (28%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021; TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT (27%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022; TWENTY-SIX PERCENT (26%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023; TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024; TWENTY-FOUR PERCENT (24%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025: TWENTY-THREE PERCENT (23%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026; TWENTY-TWO PERCENT (22%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027; TWENTY-ONE PERCENT (21%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2028; AND TWENTY PERCENT (20%) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2029: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE SCHEDULED DECREASE IN THE RATE BEGINNING 2025 MAY BE SUSPENDED BY THE PRESIDENT UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE IF THE PROJECTED DEFICIT TARGET AS A PERCENT OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) EXCEEDS THE PROGRAMMED DEFICIT. AS DETERMINED DEVELOPMENT BUDGET COORDINATION COMMITTEE (DBCC) IN THE PRECEDING YEAR PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED REDUCTION IN THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE, BASED ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MEDIUM TERM FISCAL PROGRAM.

- "(2) Nonresident Cinematographic Film Owner, Lessor or Distributor. - A cinematographic film owner, lessor, or distributor shall pay a tax of twenty-five percent (25%) of its gross income from all sources within the Philippines.
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- "(4) XXX
- "(5) Tax on Certain Incomes Received by a Nonresident Foreign Corporation. -
 - "(a) Interest on Foreign Loans. x x x
- "(b) Intercorporate Dividends. A final withholding tax at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) is hereby imposed on the amount of cash and/or property dividends received from a domestic corporation, which shall be collected and paid as provided in Section 57 (A) of this Code, subject to the condition that the country in which the nonresident foreign corporation is domiciled, shall allow a credit against the tax due from the nonresident foreign corporation taxes deemed to have been paid in the Philippines equivalent to [twenty percent (20%)] FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%), which represents the difference between the regular income tax [of thirty-five percent (35%)] and the fifteen percent (15%) tax on dividends as provided in this subparagraph: Provided, That [effective January 1, 2009] EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, the credit against the tax due shall be equivalent to [fifteen percent (15%), which represents] the difference between the regular income tax RATE [of thirty percent (30%)] and the fifteen percent (15%) tax on dividends;
- "(c) Capital Gains from Sale of Shares of Stock not Traded in the Stock Exchange. - A final tax at the rate[s prescribed below] OF FIFTEEN PERCENT (15%) is hereby imposed upon the net capital gains realized during the taxable year from the sale, barter, exchange or other disposition of shares of stock in a domestic corporation, except shares sold, or disposed of through the stock exchange.

"Not over P100,000 5%

"On any amount in excess of P100,000 10%]"

SEC. 7. Section 34 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Deductions from Gross Income. - Except for "SEC. 34. taxpayers earning compensation income arising from personal services rendered under an employer-employee relationship where no deductions shall be allowed under this Section, in computing taxable income subject to income tax under Sections 24(A); 25(A); 26; 27(A), (B), and (C); and 28(A)(1), there shall be allowed the following deductions from gross income:

- "(A) Expenses. -
- "(1) Ordinary and Necessary Trade, Business or Professional Expenses. -

 "(B) Interest. -

- "(1) In General. The amount of interest paid or incurred within a taxable year on indebtedness in connection with the taxpayer's profession, trade or business shall be allowed as deduction from gross income: Provided, however, That the taxpayer's otherwise allowable deduction for interest expense shall be reduced by [forty-two percent (42%)] THIRTY-THREE PERCENT (33%) of the interest income subjected to final tax:[Provided, That effective January 1, 2009, the percentage shall be thirty-three percent (33%).] PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES SHALL APPLY IF THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 27(A) AND 28(A)(1) IS ADJUSTED:
- "(A) IF RATE IS TWENTY-NINE PERCENT (29%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS THIRTY-ONE PERCENT (31%):
- "(B) IF RATE IS TWENTY-EIGHT PERCENT (28%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS TWENTY-NINE PERCENT (29%);
- "(C) IF RATE IS TWENTY-SEVEN PERCENT (27%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS TWENTY-SIX PERCENT (26%);
- "(D) IF RATE IS TWENTY-SIX PERCENT (26%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS TWENTY-THREE PERCENT (23%);
- "(E) IF RATE IS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS TWENTY PERCENT (20%);
- "(F) IF RATE IS TWENTY-FOUR PERCENT (24%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS SIXTEEN PERCENT (16%);
- "(G) IF RATE IS TWENTY-THREE PERCENT (23%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS THIRTEEN PERCENT (13%);
- "(H) IF RATE IS TWENTY-TWO PERCENT (22%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS NINE PERCENT (9%):
- "(I) IF RATE IS TWENTY-ONE PERCENT (21%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS FIVE PERCENT (5%);
- "(J) IF RATE IS TWENTY PERCENT (20%), INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE IS ZERO PERCENT (0%).
- "PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT IF THE INTEREST INCOME TAX IS ADJUSTED IN THE FUTURE, THE INTEREST EXPENSE REDUCTION RATE SHALL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY BASED ON THE PRESCRIBED STANDARD FORMULA AS DEFINED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

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2	"(C) Taxes x x x
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5	"(F) Depreciation x x x
6	"(G) Depletion of Oil and Gas Wells and Mines x x x
7	"(H) Charitable and Other Contributions x x x
8	"(I) Research and Development x x x
9	"(J) Pension Trusts x x x
10	"(K) Additional Requirements for Deductibility of Certain
11	Payments x x x
12	"(L) Optional Standard Deduction (OSD) x x x
13	SEC. 8. Section 290 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as
14	amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:
15	"SEC. 290. Congressional Oversight Committee
16	"A Congressional Oversight Committee, hereinafter referred to
17	as the Committee, is hereby constituted in accordance with the
18	provisions of this Code. The Committee shall be composed of the
19	[Chairmen] CHAIRPERSONS of the Committee on Ways and Means
20	of the Senate and House of Representativesx x x
21	"The Committee shall, among others, in aid of legislation:
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24	"(3) x x x; [and]
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26	"(5) REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FISCAL
27	INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD; AND
28	"x x x."
29	SEC. 9. A new Title XIII shall be introduced in the National Internal Revenue
30	Code of 1997, as amended, to read as follows:
3.1	"TITLE XIII
32	TAX INCENTIVES
33	"CHAPTER I
34	"GENERAL PROVISIONS ON TAX INCENTIVES
35	"SEC 291. SCOPE AND COVERAGE THIS TITLE SHALL
36	COVER ALL EXISTING INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AS
17	DEFINED IN THIS CODE OR RELATED LAWS, AND ALL OTHER
8	INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND SIMILAR
9	AUTHORITIES THAT MAY BE CREATED BY LAW IN THE FUTURE.
0	"THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES SHALL
1	MAINTAIN THEIR FUNCTIONS AND POWERS AS PROVIDED
2	UNDER THE SPECIAL LAWS GOVERNING THEM EXCEPT TO THE
2	EXTENT MODIFIED BY THE DROVISIONS OF THIS CODE

"SEC. 292. EXTENT OF AUTHORITY TO GRANT TAX INCENTIVES. – ALL INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES SHALL PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR TAX INCENTIVES AND RECOMMEND TO THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD THE APPROPRIATE TAX INCENTIVES PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE TO BE GRANTED TO REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR APPROVED REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY UNDER THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN.

"SEC. 293. DEFINITIONS. - WHEN USED IN THIS TITLE:

- "(A) CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REFERS TO MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, MAJOR COMPONENTS THEREOF, TOOLS, DEVICES, OR APPARATUS, WHICH ARE DIRECTLY OR REASONABLY NEEDED IN THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE:
- "(B) DIRECT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT REFERS TO THE HIRING OF FILIPINOS BY REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES UNDER AN EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS OR PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY:
- "(C) DOMESTIC INPUT REFERS TO PURCHASES OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED GOODS OR LOCALLY PRODUCED RAW MATERIALS OR DOMESTICALLY OUTSOURCED SERVICES KNOWN AS SERVICES EMBEDDED IN MANUFACTURING THAT ARE USED DIRECTLY IN THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS UNDER THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY. IN THE CASE OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED GOODS, 50% OF THE VALUEADDED OF THE SAID GOOD SHOULD LIKEWISE BE LOCALLY PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED:
- "(D) FREEPORT ZONES REFERS TO AN ISOLATED AND POLICED AREA ADJACENT TO A PORT OF ENTRY, WHICH SHALL BE OPERATED AND MANAGED AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY TO ENSURE FREE FLOW OR MOVEMENT OF GOODS, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY LAW. WITHIN, INTO, AND EXPORTED OUT OF THE FREEPORT ZONE IMPORTED GOODS MAY BE UNLOADED FOR TRANSSHIPMENT OR IMMEDIATE STORED. REPACKED. SORTED, MIXED, OR OTHERWISE MANIPULATED WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO IMPORT DUTIES. HOWEVER, MOVEMENT OF THESE IMPORTED GOODS FROM THE FREE-TRADE AREA TO A NON-FREE TRADE AREA IN THE COUNTRY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES

AND DUTIES: PROVIDED, THAT FOR THE FREEPORT TO QUALIFY AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY, A FREEPORT SHALL HAVE A PERMANENT CUSTOMS CONTROL OR CUSTOMS OFFICE AT ITS PERIMETER:

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- "(E) INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES (IPAS) REFER TO GOVERNMENT ENTITIES CREATED BY LAW, EXECUTIVE ORDER. DECREE OR OTHER ISSUANCE, IN CHARGE OF PROMOTING INVESTMENTS, GRANTING AND ADMINISTERING TAX AND NON-TAX INCENTIVES, AND OVERSEEING THE OPERATIONS OF THE DIFFERENT ECONOMIC ZONES AND FREEPORTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LAWS. THESE SPECIAL INCLUDE THE BOARD INVESTMENTS. REGIONAL BOARD OF **INVESTMENTS** AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (RBOI-ARMM), PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (PEZA), BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BCDA), SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN **AUTHORITY** (SBMA), CLARK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CDC). JOHN HAY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (JHMC), PORO POINT MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (PPMC), CAGAYAN ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (CEZA), ZAMBOANGA CITY SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE AUTHORITY (ZCSEZA), PHIVIDEC INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY (PIA), AURORA PACIFIC ECONOMIC ZONE AND FREEPORT AUTHORITY (APECO), **AUTHORITY** OF FREEPORT AREA OF BATAAN (AFAB), TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE **AUTHORITY** (TIEZA), AND ALL OTHER SIMILAR EXISTING AUTHORITIES OR THAT MAY BE CREATED BY LAW IN THE FUTURE;
- "(F) OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES REFER TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OTHER THAN INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES WHICH REGISTER OR ADMINISTER TAX INCENTIVES OF ANY KIND TO ANY SPECIFIC ENTITIES AND/OR CLASS OF PERSONS PURSUANT TO ANY LAW:
- "(G) OTHER REGISTERED ENTITIES REFER TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, CORPORATION, PHILIPPINE BRANCH OF A FOREIGN CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY INCORPORATED AND/OR ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER PHILIPPINE LAWS, AND REGISTERED WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES;
- "(H) QUALIFIED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE REFERS TO PURCHASES OF CAPITAL GOODS WITH A USEFUL LIFE OF MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR ACQUIRED FOR THE ENTITY'S PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES TO BE DIRECTLY

USED IN THE PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE;

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- "(I) REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REFERS TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, PHILIPPINE BRANCH OF A FOREIGN CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER PHILIPPINE LAWS AND REGISTERED WITH AN INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY EXCLUDING SERVICE ENTERPRISES SUCH AS THOSE ENGAGED CUSTOMS IN BROKERAGE, TRUCKING FORWARDING SERVICES, JANITORIAL SERVICES, SECURITY SERVICES, INSURANCE, BANKING, AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES, CONSUMERS' COOPERATIVES, CREDIT UNIONS. CONSULTANCY SERVICES, RETAIL ENTERPRISES. RESTAURANTS, OR SUCH OTHER SIMILAR SERVICES, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD. IRRESPECTIVE OF LOCATION, WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE ZONES, DULY ACCREDITED OR LICENSED BY ANY OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND WHOSE INCOME DELIVERED WITHIN THE ECONOMIC ZONES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TAXES UNDER THE NATIONAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED:
- "(J) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT REFERS TO EXPERIMENTAL OR OTHER RELATED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES:
 - "(1) WHOSE OUTCOME CANNOT BE KNOWN OR DETERMINED IN ADVANCE ON THE BASIS OF CURRENT KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION OR EXPERIENCE, BUT CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED BY APPLYING A SYSTEMATIC PROGRESSION OF WORK:
 - "(I) BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF ESTABLISHED SCIENCE; AND
 - "(II) PROCEEDS FROM HYPOTHESIS TO EXPERIMENT, OBSERVATION AND EVALUATION, AND LEADS TO LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS; AND
 - "(2) THAT ARE CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERATING NEW KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING NEW KNOWLEDGE IN THE FORM OF NEW OR IMPROVED MATERIALS, PRODUCTS, DEVICES, PROCESSES OR SERVICES;
- "(K) SOURCE DOCUMENT REFERS TO INPUT MATERIALS AND DOCUMENTS REASONABLY NEEDED BY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) AND IT-ENABLED INDUSTRIES SUCH AS BOOKS, DIRECTORIES, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, BROCHURES, PAMPHLETS, MEDICAL RECORDS OR FILES,

LEGAL RECORDS OR FILES, INSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND DRAWINGS, BLUEPRINTS, OR OUTLINES;

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"(L) SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE OR ECOZONE REFERS TO A SELECTED AREA, WHICH SHALL BE OPERATED AND MANAGED AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY THAT IS HIGHLY DEVELOPED OR HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE DEVELOPED INTO AN AGRO-INDUSTRIAL. INDUSTRIAL. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OR TOURIST/RECREATIONAL AREA, WHOSE METES AND BOUNDS ARE FIXED OR DELIMITED BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATIONS AND WITHIN A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WHICH **INCLUDES** INDUSTRIAL ESTATES (IES), EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES (EPZS), ICT PARKS AND CENTERS, AND FREE TRADE ZONES: PROVIDED. THAT FOR THE ECOZONE TO QUALIFY AS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY, AN ECOZONE SHALL HAVE A PERMANENT CUSTOMS CONTROL OR CUSTOMS OFFICE AT ITS PERIMETER PROVIDED. HOWEVER. THAT AREAS WHERE MINING EXTRACTION IS UNDERTAKEN SHALL NOT BE DECLARED AS AN ECOZONE: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT VERTICAL ECONOMIC ZONES, SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDINGS, SELECTED FLOORS WITHIN BUILDINGS, AND SELECTED AREAS ON A FLOOR, NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE MINIMUM CONTIGUOUS LAND AREA AS DETERMINED BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD; AND

"(M) TRAINING REFERS TO COURSES PROVIDED TO FILIPINO EMPLOYEES WHOSE WORK IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION OF GOODS OR PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES UNDER THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY AND WHICH SHALL IMPROVE THE SPECIFIC SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMPLOYEE REQUIRED IN HIS OR HER CURRENT EMPLOYMENT.

"CHAPTER II

"TAX AND DUTY INCENTIVES

"SEC. 294. INCENTIVES. – SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS AND PERIOD OF AVAILMENT IN SECTIONS 295 AND 296, RESPECTIVELY, THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF TAX INCENTIVES MAY BE GRANTED TO REGISTERED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES:

"(A) INCOME TAX HOLIDAY;

"(B) SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE - A TAX RATE EQUIVALENT TO EIGHT PERCENT (8%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, NINE PERCENT (9%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND TEN PERCENT (10%) EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022 ONWARDS, BASED ON THE GROSS INCOME EARNED, IN LIEU OF ALL TAXES, BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL, AS SPECIFIED IN

THE RESPECTIVE SPECIAL LAWS OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES: PROVIDED, THAT, THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHARE SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS: SIX PERCENT (6%) IN 2020, SEVEN PERCENT (7%) IN 2021 AND EIGHT PERCENT (8%) IN 2022 ONWARDS: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT, IF APPLICABLE, THE SHARES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES UNDER THE SPECIAL LAWS GOVERNING THE LATTER SHALL BE OBSERVED;

"(C) ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS:

- "(1) DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE OF THE ASSETS ACQUIRED FOR THE ENTITY'S PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES (QUALIFIED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE) ADDITIONAL TEN PERCENT (10%) FOR BUILDINGS; AND ADDITIONAL TWENTY PERCENT (20%) FOR MACHINERIES AND EQUIPMENT:
- "(2) UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON THE LABOR EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR:
- "(3) UP TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR:
- "(4) UP TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON TRAINING EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR;
- "(5) UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON DOMESTIC INPUT EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR;
- "(6) UP TO FIFTY PERCENT (50%) ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON POWER EXPENSE INCURRED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR:
- "(7) DEDUCTION FOR REINVESTMENT ALLOWANCE
 TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WHEN A
 MANUFACTURING REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
 REINVESTS ITS UNDISTRIBUTED PROFIT OR SURPLUS IN
 ANY OF THE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES LISTED IN THE
 STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN, THE AMOUNT
 REINVESTED TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTY PERCENT (50%)
 SHALL BE ALLOWED AS A DEDUCTION FROM ITS
 TAXABLE INCOME WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS
 FROM THE TIME OF SUCH REINVESTMENT; AND
- "(8) ENHANCED NET OPERATING LOSS CARRY-OVER (NOLCO). - THE NET OPERATING LOSS OF THE

REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY DURING THE FIRST THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE START OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION WHICH HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY OFFSET AS DEDUCTION FROM GROSS INCOME MAY BE CARRIED OVER AS DEDUCTION FROM GROSS INCOME WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE TAXABLE YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE YEAR OF SUCH LOSS.

"(D) DUTY EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES:

- "(E) VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT) EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION AND VAT ZERO-RATING ON LOCAL PURCHASES.
- "SEC. 295. CONDITIONS OF AVAILMENT. THE TAX INCENTIVES IN THE PRECEDING SECTION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE FOLLOWING RULES:
- "(A) THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE:
- "(B) ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS MAY BE GRANTED IN LIEU OF THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY AND THE SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE: PROVIDED, THAT IN NO CASE SHALL THE ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS BE GRANTED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD AND THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, SHALL PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE GRANT OF ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS UNDER SECTION 294(C), INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PERCENTAGE OF DEDUCTIONS.

"THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS FOR THE AVAILMENT OF EACH ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH:

- "(1) THE DEPRECIATION ALLOWANCE OF THE ASSETS ACQUIRED FOR THE ENTITY'S PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES (QUALIFIED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE) SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR ASSETS THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE REGISTERED ENTERPRISE'S PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES OTHER THAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES:
- "(2) THE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON THE LABOR EXPENSE SHALL NOT INCLUDE SALARIES, WAGES, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS INCURRED FOR MANAGERIAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, INDIRECT LABOR, AND SUPPORT SERVICES.
- "(3) THE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE SHALL ONLY APPLY TO

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OF THE ENTITY.

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- "(4) THE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON TRAINING EXPENSE SHALL ONLY APPLY TO TRAININGS, AS APPROVED BY THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES BASED ON THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN, GIVEN TO THE FILIPINO EMPLOYEES ENGAGED DIRECTLY IN THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE'S PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND SERVICES.
- "(5) THE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON DOMESTIC INPUT EXPENSE SHALL ONLY APPLY TO DOMESTIC INPUT THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO AND ACTUALLY USED IN THE REGISTERED EXPORT PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.
- "(6) THE ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION ON POWER EXPENSE SHALL ONLY APPLY TO POWER UTILIZED FOR THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY.
- "(7) THE DEDUCTION FOR REINVESTMENT ALLOWANCE TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY SHALL BE DETERMINED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN.
- "(C) THE DUTY EXEMPTION SHALL ONLY APPLY TO THE IMPORTATION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, OR ACCESSORIES SPARE PARTS. DIRECTLY EXCLUSIVELY USED IN THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR REGISTERED ACTIVITY BY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: PROVIDED. THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE COMPLIED WITH:
 - "(1) THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. RAW MATERIALS. SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES ARE DIRECTLY AND REASONABLY NEEDED AND WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY IN AND AS PART OF THE DIRECT COST OF THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, AND ARE NOT PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED DOMESTICALLY IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OR OF COMPARABLE QUALITY AND AT REASONABLE PRICES. PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY MAY BE SECURED FOR THE PART-TIME UTILIZATION OF SAID CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, ACCESSORIES IN A NON-REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY TO MAXIMIZE USAGE THEREOF: PROVIDED. THAT THE PROPORTIONATE TAXES AND DUTIES ARE PAID ON A SPECIFIC CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW

MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES PROPORTION TO THE UTILIZATION FOR NON-REGISTERED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES. IN THE EVENT THAT THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES SHALL BE USED FOR A NON-REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE FIRST FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF IMPORTATION, THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SHALL FIRST SEEK PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CONCERNED INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY AND PAY THE TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES THAT WERE NOT PAID UPON THE IMPORTATION: AND

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THE APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT "(2) PROMOTION AGENCY WAS **OBTAINED** BY THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PRIOR TO THE IMPORTATION OF SUCH CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES.

"APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY MUST BE SECURED BEFORE THE SALE. TRANSFER. OR DISPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. RAW MATERIALS. SPARE PARTS. OR ACCESSORIES WHICH WERE GRANTED TAX AND CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION HEREUNDER, AND SHALL BE ALLOWED ONLY UNDER THE **FOLLOWING** CIRCUMSTANCES:

- "(a) IF MADE TO ANOTHER ENTERPRISE AVAILING CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTION ON IMPORTED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES:
- "(b) IF MADE TO ANOTHER ENTERPRISE NOT AVAILING OF DUTY EXEMPTION ON IMPORTED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES, UPON PAYMENT OF ANY TAXES AND DUTIES DUE ON THE NET BOOK VALUE OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES TO BE SOLD;
- "(c) EXPORTATION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, ACCESSORIES, SOURCE DOCUMENTS, OR THOSE REQUIRED FOR POLLUTION ABATEMENT AND CONTROL; OR
- "(d) PROVEN TECHNICAL OBSOLESCENCE OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES.

"PROVIDED. THAT IF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SELLS, TRANSFERS, OR DISPOSES THE AFOREMENTIONED IMPORTED ITEMS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL, THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND THE VENDEE, TRANSFEREE, OR ASSIGNEE SHALL BE SOLIDARILY LIABLE TO PAY TWICE THE AMOUNT OF THE DUTY EXEMPTION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID DURING ITS IMPORTATION: PROVIDED. FURTHER. THAT EVEN IF THE SALE, TRANSFER, OR DISPOSITION OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS. OR ACCESSORIES WAS MADE AFTER FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF IMPORTATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY, REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IS STILL LIABLE TO PAY THE DUTIES BASED ON THE NET BOOK VALUE OF THE CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS, OR ACCESSORIES IF IT HAS VIOLATED ANY OF ITS REGISTRATION TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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"(D) THE VAT EXEMPTION ON IMPORTATION AND VAT ZERO-RATING ON LOCAL PURCHASES SHALL ONLY APPLY TO GOODS AND SERVICES DIRECTLY AND EXCLUSIVELY USED IN THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY BY REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOCATED INSIDE AN ECOZONE OR FREEPORT.

"NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS, SALES RECEIPTS AND OTHER INCOME DERIVED FROM NON-REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE TAXES IMPOSED UNDER THIS CODE.

"SEC. 296. PERIOD OF AVAILMENT. -THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVE BY THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SHALL FOLLOW THREE CATEGORIES: A (BASIC), B (ENHANCED), AND C (ADVANCED):

"(A) INCOME TAX HOLIDAY (ITH) FOLLOWED BY SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE (SCIT)

CATEGORY	ITH DURATION IN YEARS	SCIT DURATION IN YEARS	TOTAL IN YEARS
A (BASIC)	2	3	5
B (ENHANCED)	3	4	7
C (ADVANCED)	4	4	8

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"THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF THE SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE BY THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MAY BE EXTENDED BY THREE (3) OR FOUR (4) YEARS, AT ANY ONE TIME, DEPENDING ON THE CATEGORY, SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD: PROVIDED, THAT THE TOTAL PERIOD OF INCENTIVE AVAILMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) YEARS, PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT EXISTING REGISTERED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT MAY QUALIFY TO REGISTER UNDER THIS ACT AND AVAIL OF THE SPECIAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX FOR THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD SUBJECT TO THE CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN.

"(B) ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS

CATEGORY	TOTAL IN YEARS
A (BASIC)	5
B (ENHANCED)	7
C (ADVANCED)	8

"THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF **ENHANCED** DEDUCTION BY THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MAY BE EXTENDED BY THREE (3) OR FOUR (4) YEARS, AT ANY ONE TIME, DEPENDING ON THE CATEGORY, SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN PERFORMANCE REVIEW BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD, PROVIDED, THAT THE TOTAL PERIOD OF INCENTIVE AVAILMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED TWELVE (12) YEARS.

"PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE PERIOD OF AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES SHALL COMMENCE FROM THE ACTUAL START OF COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS WITH THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AVAILING OF THE TAX INCENTIVES WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF REGISTRATION, UNLESS

OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN AND ITS CORRESPONDING GUIDELINES.

"FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE DETERMINATION OF THE CATEGORY SHALL BE BASED ON BOTH LOCATION AND INDUSTRY OF THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY, AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTORS AS MAY BE DEFINED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN.

"THE LOCATION OF THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY SHALL BE PRIORITIZED ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIC LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT AS FOLLOWS: (1) LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, AS DETERMINED BY THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; (2) AREAS ADJACENT TO NCR WHICH INCLUDE BULACAN, CAVITE, LAGUNA AND RIZAL; (3) NCR AND OTHER MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS; PROVIDED THAT, FOR ALL OTHER AREAS, THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD SHALL DETERMINE THE APPLICABLE INDUSTRY TIER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION, EVERY THREE (3) YEARS OR AS MAY BE NEEDED.

"THE INDUSTRY OF THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY SHALL BE PRIORITIZED ACCORDING TO NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY AS FOLLOWS, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION EVERY THREE YEARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN:

- "(1) TIER I ACTIVITIES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: AGRICULTURE. FISHING. **FORESTRY** AND AGRIBUSINESS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING EMERGING MANUFACTURING AND SERVICES INDUSTRIES THAT ARE INNOVATING, UPGRADING AND MOVING VALUE CHAIN. AS WELL UP INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES AND LOGISTICS THAT ARE CRUCIAL TO THE COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIALIZATION:
- "(2) TIER II ACTIVITIES SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: ACTIVITIES THAT PRODUCE SUPPLIES, PARTS AND COMPONENTS THAT ARE NOT LOCALLY PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED BUT ARE CRITICAL TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPORT-SUBSTITUTING ACTIVITIES OPERATING UNDER HIGH-CONTESTABLE MARKETS; AND

"(3) TIER III ACTIVITIES SHALL INCLUDE. BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES: HIGHLY TECHNICAL MANUFACTURING AND SERVICES **ACTIVITIES** THAT INDISPENSABLY REQUIRES THE EMPLOYMENT OF KNOWLEDGE. MODERN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND RESEARCH IN THE PROCESS OF PRODUCTION OF GOODS AND RESULTING DEMONSTRABLY SERVICES, IN SIGNIFICANT VALUE-ADDED AND HIGH PAYING JOBS.

"THE COMBINATION OF BOTH LOCATION AND INDUSTRY PRIORITIES SHALL DETERMINE THE CATEGORY OF INCENTIVE AS INDICATED HEREIN. THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD AND THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, SHALL REVIEW, AND REVISE, EVERY THREE (3) YEARS OR AS MAY BE NEEDED, THE LOCATION AND INDUSTRY PRIORITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN.

LOCATION / INDUSTRY TIERS	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III
NCR AND OTHER METROPOLITAN AREAS	А	В	С
AREAS ADJACENT TO NCR (BULACAN, CAVITE, LAGUNA, AND RIZAL)	В	В	С
LESS DEVELOPED AREAS	С	С	С

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"CHAPTER III

"THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD

"SEC. 297. EXPANDED FUNCTIONS OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD. – THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD CREATED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (PD) NO. 776, AS AMENDED, SHALL BE EXPANDED AS FOLLOWS:

"(A) TO EXERCISE POLICY MAKING AND OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES BY THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES. IN PARTICULAR, THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD SHALL:

"(1) DETERMINE THE TARGET PERFORMANCE METRICS AS CONDITIONS TO AVAIL OF TAX INCENTIVES:

- "(2) REVIEW AND AUDIT THE COMPLIANCE OF INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES, WITH RESPECT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES AND IMPOSE SANCTIONS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO WITHDRAWAL, SUSPENSION, OR CANCELATION OF THEIR POWER TO GRANT TAX INCENTIVES;
- "(3) DETERMINE THE MINIMUM CONTIGUOUS LAND AREA THAT VERTICAL ECONOMIC ZONES SHOULD COMPLY WITH:
- "(4) CONDUCT REGULAR MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF INVESTMENT AND NON-INVESTMENT TAX INCENTIVES, SUCH AS USING COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS (CBA) TO DETERMINE THEIR IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY AND WHETHER AGREED PERFORMANCE TARGETS ARE MET: AND
- "(5) CHECK AND VERIFY, AS NECESSARY, THE COMPLIANCE OF REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR AVAILMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE AGREED TARGET PERFORMANCE METRICS, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT, AND OTHER RELEVANT LAWS OR ISSUANCES;
- "(B) TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE, THE GRANT TAX INCENTIVES TO THE EXTENT OF REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY: PROVIDED, THAT THE APPLICATION FOR TAX INCENTIVES SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED IF NOT DECIDED UPON BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD AFTER FORTY-FIVE (45) WORKING DAYS FROM THE SUBMISSION OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY RECOMMENDATION TO THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD MAY DELEGATE THE GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES TO THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD OR TO THE CONCERNED INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY: PROVIDED FINALLY. THAT THE FIRB SHALL

PRESCRIBE THE CONDITIONS ON THE DELEGATION OF APPROVAL OF TAX INCENTIVES.

"FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY CONCERNED SHALL ENSURE COMPLETE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, BOOKS, OR OTHER DATA RELEVANT OR MATERIAL TO ITS RECOMMENDATION."

"(C) TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR TAX SUBSIDIES TO GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES, GOVERNMENT COMMISSARIES, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

"FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SHALL ENSURE COMPLETE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, BOOKS, OR OTHER DATA RELEVANT OR MATERIAL;

"(D) TO CANCEL, SUSPEND, OR WITHDRAW THE ENJOYMENT OF FISCAL INCENTIVES OF CONCERNED REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN THE GRANT OF FISCAL INCENTIVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE AGREED PERFORMANCE COMMITMENTS OR NON-SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED REPORTS, AND ENDORSE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WHOSE INCENTIVES ARE CANCELLED, SUSPENDED, OR WITHDRAWN TO THE CONCERNED REVENUE AGENCIES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES AND DUTIES DUE COMMENCING FROM THE FIRST YEAR OF AVAILMENT;

"(E) TO CANCEL, SUSPEND, OR WITHDRAW THE ENJOYMENT OF TAX SUBSIDY OF CONCERNED GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES. CORPORATIONS. GOVERNMENT COMMISSARIES. AND UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND, WHEN NECESSARY, ENDORSE THE SAME TO THE CONCERNED REVENUE AGENCIES FOR ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES AND DUTIES DUE, INCLUDING FINES OR PENALTIES, IF WARRANTED, FOR VIOLATIONS OF ANY OF THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN THE GRANT OF TAX SUBSIDY, OR PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, OR APPLICABLE RULES:

"(F) TO REQUIRE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES TO SUBMIT, REGULARLY OR WHEN REQUESTED, SUMMARIES OF APPROVED INVESTMENT AND INCENTIVES GRANTED, AND FIRM- OR ENTITY-LEVEL TAX INCENTIVES AND BENEFITS DATA AS INPUT TO THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD'S REVIEW AND AUDIT FUNCTION, AND EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF RECIPIENTS OF TAX INCENTIVES:

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- "(G) TO PUBLISH REGULARLY, PER INDUSTRY GROUP, THE DATA PERTAINING TO THE AMOUNT OF TAX INCENTIVES, TAX PAYMENTS, AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION, INCLUDING BENEFITS DATA;
- "(H) TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, SUMMON, EXAMINE, INQUIRE AND RECEIVE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES **ADMINISTERING** TAX INCENTIVES. CONTROLLED GOVERNMENT OWNED AND CORPORATIONS (GOCCS), GOVERNMENT INSTRUMENTALITIES (GIS), GOVERNMENT COMMISSARIES, STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCS), AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS), DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, BOOKS, OR OTHER DATA RELEVANT OR MATERIAL TO THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES ARISING FROM THE APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION. SUSPENSION. WITHDRAWAL FORFEITURE OF TAX SUBSIDY, OR IN IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE AVAILMENT OF TAX SUBSIDY, OR ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT:
- "(I) TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AS PART OF THE BUDGET PROCESS, COVERING ITS POLICY AND ACTIVITIES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS ACT, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON TAX INCENTIVE POLICIES AND APPROVAL OF TAX INCENTIVES;
- "(J) TO DECIDE ON ISSUES, AFTER DUE HEARING, CONCERNING THE APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, WITHDRAWAL, OR FORFEITURE OF TAX INCENTIVES OR TAX SUBSIDY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT;
- "(K) TO PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE INTENT AND PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND
- "(L) TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER POWERS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO ATTAIN THE PURPOSES

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2	FUNCTIONS ON THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW					
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4	A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	"SEC. 298. COMPOSITION OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES				
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43		SHALL BE STAFFED BY THE				
44		NATIONAL TAX RESEARCH CENTER				

1	"SEC. 299. STRUCTURE AND STAFFING PATTERN. – THE
2	FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD SECRETARIAT SHALL
3	DETERMINE ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STAFFING
4	PATTERN, AND CREATE SUCH SERVICES, DIVISIONS, AND
5	UNITS, AS IT MAY REQUIRE OR DEEM NECESSARY, SUBJECT
6	TO THE APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
7	MANAGEMENT.
8	"CHAPTER IV
9	"QUALIFIED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES FOR TAX
10	INCENTIVES
11	"SEC. 300. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN
12	THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, IN COORDINATION WITH THE
13	FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD, INVESTMENT
14	PROMOTION AGENCIES, OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
15	ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR,
16	SHALL FORMULATE THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY
17	PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL.
18	THE PLAN SHALL BE VALID FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3)
19	YEARS SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND AMENDMENT AS THE NEED
20	ARISES.
21	"THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN SHALL
22	CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:
23	"(A) PRIORITY PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES THAT ARE
24	INCLUDED IN THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR
25	ITS EQUIVALENT, OR OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS,
26	TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
27	"(1) SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF
28	INVESTMENTS;
29	"(2) CONSIDERABLE GENERATION OF
30	EMPLOYMENT;
31	"(3) CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF NET
32	EXPORTS;
33	"(4) USE OF MODERN, ADVANCE, OR NEW
34	TECHNOLOGY;
35	"(5) ADOPTION OF ADEQUATE
36	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND
37	SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES;
38	"(6) ADDRESSING MISSING GAPS IN THE
39	SUPPLY OR VALUE CHAIN OR OTHERWISE MOVING
40	UP THE VALUE CHAIN OR PRODUCT LADDER; OR
41	"(7) PROMOTION OF MARKET
42	COMPETITIVENESS.
43	"(B) SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF LOCATION AND
4.4	INDUSTRY TIERS IN SECTION 206.

"(C) TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE GRANT OF ENHANCED DEDUCTIONS UNDER SECTION 294 (C), INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PERCENTAGE OF DEDUCTIONS: AND

"(D) SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THAT CAN PROMOTE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL OPERATIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

"ALL SECTORS OR INDUSTRIES THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN SHALL UNDERGO AN EVALUATION PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY AND POTENTIAL OF THE INDUSTRY OR THE SECTOR IN PROMOTING LONG-TERM GROWTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST. IN NO CASE SHALL A SECTOR OR INDUSTRY BE INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN UNLESS IT IS SUPPORTED BY A FORMAL EVALUATION PROCESS OR REPORT.

"THE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES MUST COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS FOR A PARTICULAR SECTOR OR INDUSTRY AND OTHER LIMITATIONS AS SET AND DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, AND IN COORDINATION WITH THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD.

"IN NO CASE SHALL THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES ACCEPT APPLICATIONS UNLESS THE PROJECT OR ACTIVITY IS LISTED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN. PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES NOT LISTED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY DISAPPROVED.

"SEC. 301. POWER OF THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT INCENTIVES - NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 295 AND 296, THE PRESIDENT MAY, IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD, MODIFY THE PERIOD OR MANNER OF AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES PROVIDED UNDER THIS CODE FOR ANY HIGHLY DESIRABLE PROJECT: PROVIDED, THAT THE TOTAL PERIOD OF INCENTIVE AVAILMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY (40) YEARS.

"IN DETERMINING IF A PROJECT OR ACTIVITY IS A HIGHLY DESIRABLE PROJECT, THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE BENEFITS THAT THE GOVERNMENT MAY DERIVE FROM SUCH INVESTMENT ARE CLEAR AND CONVINCING AND FAR

OUTWEIGH THE COST OF INCENTIVES THAT WILL BE GRANTED.

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"IN RECOMMENDING THE MODIFIED PERIOD OR MANNER OF AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES, THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

- "(1) THE PROJECT HAS A COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITH CLEAR INCLUSIVE BUSINESS APPROACHES AND INNOVATIONS; AND
- "(2) MINIMUM PAID UP CAPITAL OF ONE BILLION US DOLLARS (USD 1,000,000,000) OR A MINIMUM DIRECT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATION OF AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND (10,000) WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS FROM THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF ENTITLEMENT.

"PROVIDED, THAT, THE THRESHOLD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A PERIODIC REVIEW BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD EVERY THREE (3) YEARS, INTO CONSIDERATION INTERNATIONAL TAKING OTHER ECONOMIC STANDARDS OR INDICATORS. PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IF THE PROJECTED IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY AND AGREED PERFORMANCE TARGETS ARE NOT MET BY THE PROJECT, THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD SHALL RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THE CANCELLATION OF THE MODIFIED PERIOD OR MANNER OF AVAILMENT OF INCENTIVES.

302. **AMENDMENTS** TO THE STRATEGIC "SEC. INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN. - SUBJECT TO PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENT PRIORITY DETERMINATION, THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS MAY, AT ANY TIME, INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AREAS IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN, ALTER ANY OF THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION OF AN INVESTMENT AREA, AND TEMPORARILY SUSPEND PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES ON THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN IF IT CONSIDERS THAT SUCH PROJECT OR ACTIVITY IS NO LONGER A PRIORITY WITHIN THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN.

"SEC. 303. PUBLICATION. – UPON APPROVAL OF THE PLAN, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OR UPON APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT THEREOF, THE PLAN OR THE AMENDMENT, SPECIFYING AND DECLARING THE AREAS OF INVESTMENTS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN AT LEAST ONE (1) NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION OR THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE; PROVIDED, THAT ALL SUCH AREAS IN THE EXISTING

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN SHALL BE OPEN FOR APPLICATION UNTIL PUBLICATION OF AN AMENDMENT OR DELETION THEREOF.

- "SEC. 304. QUALIFICATIONS OF A REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES FOR TAX INCENTIVES. IN THE REVIEW AND GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD, THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE MUST:
 - "(A) BE ENGAGED IN A PROJECT OR ACTIVITY INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN:
 - "(B) MEET THE TARGET PERFORMANCE METRICS AFTER THE AGREED TIME PERIOD;
 - "(C) INSTALL AN ADEQUATE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM THAT SHALL IDENTIFY THE INVESTMENTS, REVENUES, COSTS AND PROFITS OR LOSSES OF EACH REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY THE ENTERPRISE SEPARATELY FROM THE AGGREGATE INVESTMENTS, REVENUES, COSTS AND PROFITS OR LOSSES OF THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE; OR ESTABLISH A SEPARATE CORPORATION FOR EACH REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY IF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY SHOULD SO REQUIRE:
 - "(D) COMPLY WITH THE E-RECEIPTING AND E-SALES REQUIREMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 237 AND 237-A OF THIS CODE; AND
 - "(E) SUBMIT ANNUALLY REPORTS OF OWNERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION AND RELATED PARTIES.

"CHAPTER V

"TAX INCENTIVES MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY"

"SEC. 305. FILING OF TAX RETURNS AND SUBMISSION OF TAX INCENTIVES REPORTS. — ALL REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTITIES WHETHER TAXABLE OR EXEMPT, ARE REQUIRED TO FILE THEIR TAX RETURNS AND PAY THEIR TAX LIABILITIES, ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE AS PROVIDED UNDER THE NIRC, AS AMENDED, USING THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES WITH THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE: PROVIDED, THAT, FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH THEIR TAX OBLIGATIONS, COOPERATIVES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTITIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE ELECTRONIC FACILITIES SHALL FILE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE REVENUE DISTRICT OFFICES.

"FOR REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES AVAILING OF TAX INCENTIVES ADMINISTERED BY THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES. THEY SHALL FILE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES A COMPLETE ANNUAL TAX INCENTIVES REPORT OF THEIR INCOME-BASED TAX INCENTIVES, VALUE-ADDED TAX EXEMPTIONS AND ZERO-RATING, CUSTOMS DUTY EXEMPTIONS, DEDUCTIONS, CREDITS OR EXCLUSIONS FROM THE INCOME TAX BASE, AND EXEMPTIONS FROM LOCAL TAXES, AS PROVIDED IN THE SPECIAL LAWS OF THE CONCERNED INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES, AND RESPECTIVE LAWS, AND A COMPLETE ANNUAL BENEFITS REPORT WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DATA SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE APPROVED AND ACTUAL AMOUNT OF INVESTMENTS, APPROVED AND EMPLOYMENT LEVEL AND JOB CREATION, APPROVED AND ACTUAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, DOMESTIC PURCHASES, PROFITS AND DIVIDEND PAYOUT, ALL TAXES PAID, WITHHELD AND FOREGONE WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR FILING OF TAX RETURNS AND PAYMENT OF TAXES; PROVIDED, THAT, A COPY OF THE REPORT SHALL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY SUBMITTED TO THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD IN ELECTRONIC FORM.

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"THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES SHALL, WITHIN SIXTY (60) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE END OF THE STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR FILING OF THE RELEVANT TAX RETURNS, SUBMIT TO THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE, THEIR RESPECTIVE ANNUAL TAX INCENTIVES REPORTS BASED ON THE LIST OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES WHICH HAVE FILED SAID TAX INCENTIVES REPORT.

"THE DETAILS OF THE TAX INCENTIVES REPORTS, AS PROVIDED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS, SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THIS ACT.

"THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS SHALL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS TO ASSESS AND/OR AUDIT TAX LIABILITIES, IF ANY, WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD PROVIDED IN THE NIRC, AS AMENDED, AND THE

CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION AND TARIFF ACT (CMTA), AS AMENDED, RESPECTIVELY.

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"SEC. 306. MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING OF TAX INCENTIVES. — NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE: (A) ALL TAX AND DUTY INCENTIVES OF REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES, AS REFLECTED IN THEIR FILED TAX RETURNS AND IMPORT ENTRIES; AND (B) ACTUAL TAX AND DUTY INCENTIVES AS EVALUATED AND DETERMINED BY THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE AND THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS.

"THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL MAINTAIN A SINGLE DATABASE FOR MONITORING AND ANALYSIS OF TAX INCENTIVES GRANTED.

"THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD IS MANDATED SYSTEMATICALLY COLLECT AND STORE ALL TAX INCENTIVES AND BENEFIT DATA FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES. BUSINESS ENTERPRISES. AND REGISTERED REGISTERED ENTERPRISES, AS WELL AS TO EVALUATE AND ASSESS THE PROCESS, OUTCOMES, AND IMPACT OF INCENTIVES GRANTED TO FIRMS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AGREED PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND INTENDED RESULTS AND OUTCOMES ARE MET. THE METHOD OF EVALUATION MAY INCLUDE THE CONDUCT OF COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OR OTHER PROCESS AND IMPACT EVALUATION METHODS: PROVIDED, THAT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, THE TERM COST-BENEFITS ANALYSIS REFERS TO THE SYSTEMATIC EVALUATION OF THE TOTAL COSTS OF GRANTING TAX INCENTIVES VIS-A-VIS THE TOTAL BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE GRANT OF TAX INCENTIVES BASED ON THE ANNUAL TAX INCENTIVE REPORT, ANNUAL BENEFITS REPORT, AND OTHER RELATED SOURCES, TO CALCULATE THE NET BENEFIT OR COST ASSOCIATED WITH TAX INCENTIVES.

"FOR PURPOSES OF MONITORING AND TRANSPARENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AGGREGATE DATA ON A SECTORAL AND PER INDUSTRY BASIS OF: (1) THE AMOUNT OF TAX INCENTIVES AVAILED OF BY REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES; (2) THE ESTIMATE CLAIMS OF TAX INCENTIVES

IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE CURRENT YEAR; (3) THE PROGRAMMED TAX INCENTIVES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR; AND (4) THE PROJECTED TAX INCENTIVES FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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"THE AFORESAID DATA SHALL BE REFLECTED BY THE DBM IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING (BESF), WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE TAX INCENTIVES INFORMATION (TII) SECTION: PROVIDED. THAT THE TAX INCENTIVES INFORMATION SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE AGGREGATE DATA RELATED TO INCENTIVES AVAILED OF BY REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES BASED ON THE SUBMISSIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND THE CONCERNED INVESTMENT PROMOTION **AGENCIES** AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES. CATEGORIZED BY SECTOR, BY INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES, AND BY TYPE OF TAX INCENTIVE. PROVIDED FURTHER. THAT THE RESULTS OF THE COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS SHALL BE PUBLISHED AT THE INDUSTRY-LEVEL BY THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD AND A REPORT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

"SEC. 307. CONDUCT OF COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS ON TAX INCENTIVES. – THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD IS MANDATED TO CONDUCT COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS ON THE INVESTMENT AND NON-INVESTMENT INCENTIVES TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF TAX INCENTIVES ON THE PHILIPPINE ECONOMY AND ON THE RELEVANT SECTOR.

"FOR THIS PURPOSE, ALL HEADS OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES SHALL SUBMIT TO THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD FIRM- AND PER REGISTERED PROJECT- OR ACTIVITY-LEVEL:

- (1) DATA ON TAX INCENTIVES BASED ON THE SUBMISSIONS OF REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES; AND
- (2) OTHER INVESTMENT- AND NON-INVESTMENT-RELATED DATA.

"SEC. 308. PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH FILING AND REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS. — ANY REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OR OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISE WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH FILING AND REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS WITH THE APPROPRIATE

INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCIES OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES AND/OR WHICH FAILS TO SHOW PROOF OF FILING OF TAX RETURNS USING THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR FILING AND PAYMENT OF TAXES OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE UNDER SECTION 305 HEREOF, SHALL BE IMPOSED THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES BY THE APPROPRIATE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY OR OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY ADMINISTERING TAX INCENTIVES:

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- "(A) FIRST VIOLATION PAYMENT OF A FINE AMOUNTING TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100.000.00):
- "(B) SECOND VIOLATION PAYMENT OF A FINE AMOUNTING TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00); AND
- "(C) THIRD VIOLATION - CANCELLATION BY THE FISCAL **INCENTIVES** REVIEW BOARD OF THE REGISTRATION OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OR REGISTERED WITH THE ENTITY PROMOTION **AGENCY** OR OTHER INVESTMENT GOVERNMENT AGENCY **ADMINISTERING** TAX INCENTIVES.

"PROVIDED, THAT IF THE FAILURE TO SHOW SUCH PROOF IS NOT DUE TO THE FAULT OF THE REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OR OTHER REGISTERED ENTERPRISES, THE SAME SHALL NOT BE A GROUND FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY AND/OR OTHER TAX INCENTIVES AVAILMENT: PROVIDED, FURTHER THAT COLLECTIONS FROM THE PENALTIES SHALL ACCRUE TO THE GENERAL FUND.

"ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE WHO FAILS WITHOUT JUSTIFIABLE REASON TO PROVIDE OR FURNISH THE REQUIRED TAX INCENTIVES REPORT OR OTHER DATA OR INFORMATION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTIONS 15 AND 16 OF THIS ACT SHALL BE PENALIZED, AFTER DUE PROCESS, BY A FINE EQUIVALENT TO THE OFFICIAL'S OR EMPLOYEE'S BASIC SALARY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) MONTH TO SIX (6) MONTHS OR BY SUSPENSION FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1) YEAR, OR BOTH, IN ADDITION TO ANY CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSABLE UNDER EXISTING LAWS.

"CHAPTER VI"

"TRANSITORY AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"

"SEC. 309. NO DOUBLE REGISTRATION OF ENTERPRISES.

- REGISTERED ENTERPRISES SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER THEIR ACTIVITIES IN MORE THAN ONE (1) INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY: PROVIDED, THAT, REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES RENDERING AUXILIARY PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES MAY BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER IN MORE THAN ONE INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD.

"SEC. 310. GOVERNANCE RULES. - THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD MAY REQUIRE DOMESTIC REGISTERED ENTERPRISES TO LIST THEIR SHARES OF STOCK IN ANY ACCREDITED STOCK EXCHANGE OR DIRECTLY OFFER A PORTION OF THEIR CAPITAL STOCK TO THE PUBLIC AND/OR THEIR EMPLOYEES WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF REGISTRATION."

"SEC. 311. INVESTMENTS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. – REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WITH INCENTIVES GRANTED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

"(A) REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WHOSE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES WERE GRANTED ONLY AN INCOME TAX HOLIDAY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE WITH THE AVAILMENT OF THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY AS SPECIFIED IN THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THEIR REGISTRATION; PROVIDED, THAT FOR THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN GRANTED THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY BUT HAVE NOT YET AVAILED OF THE INCENTIVE UPON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT, THEY MAY USE THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY FOR THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN THE TERMS AND CONDITION OF THEIR REGISTRATION.

"(B) REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WHOSE PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES WERE GRANTED AN INCOME TAX HOLIDAY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT AND THAT WILL EXPIRE WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT AND THAT ARE ENTITLED TO THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) TAX ON GROSS INCOME EARNED INCENTIVE AFTER THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY SHALL BE ALLOWED TO AVAIL OF THE FIVE PERCENT (5%) GROSS INCOME EARNED INCENTIVE FOR THE

REMAINING PERIOD AFTER THE INCOME TAX HOLIDAY NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.

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- "(C) REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES CURRENTLY AVAILING OF THE FIVE (5%) PERCENT TAX ON GROSS INCOME EARNED GRANTED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE AVAILING THE SAID TAX INCENTIVE AT THE RATE OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) IN 2020 AND THEREAFTER, FOLLOWING THE SCHEDULE:
 - "(1) TWO (2) YEARS FOR PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES AVAILING OF THE GROSS INCOME EARNED INCENTIVE FOR MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS:
 - "(2) THREE (3) YEARS FOR PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES AVAILING OF THE GROSS INCOME EARNED INCENTIVE BETWEEN FIVE (5) AND TEN (10) YEARS;
 - "(3) FIVE (5) YEARS FOR PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES AVAILING OF THE GROSS INCOME EARNED INCENTIVE BELOW FIVE (5) YEARS; AND
 - "(4) SEVEN (7) YEARS FOR PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL SATISFY ANY OF THE REGISTERED **FOLLOWING** CONDITIONS: (i) ONE **EXPORTERS** THAT EXPORT HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF THEIR GOODS AND SERVICES; (ii) REGISTERED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES THAT EMPLOY AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND (10,000) FILIPINO EMPLOYEES DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE REGISTERED PROJECT OR ACTIVITY PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT: OR (iii) REGISTERED ENTERPRISES ENGAGED IN FOOTLOOSE **PROJECTS** OR ACTIVITIES DEFINED HEREIN.

"EXISTING REGISTERED PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL QUALIFY FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN MAY OPT TO BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; IN SUCH CASE, THE SAID ENTERPRISES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER THEIR CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION WHICH SHALL BE DEEMED AS AN EXPRESS WAIVER OF PRIVILEGE TO AVAIL OF INCENTIVES PROVIDED IN THE INCENTIVES LAW UNDER WHICH THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED.

"FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A FOOTLOOSE PROJECT OR ACTIVITY SHALL MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS: (1) IT IS A MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY OR PROJECT; (2) IT HAS A DIRECT LABOR EXPENSE TO ASSET RATIO OF AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT (70%) FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT; (3) IT EXPORTS ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) OF ITS MANUFACTURED GOODS; AND (4) ITS ACTUAL AREA OF OPERATION IS OUTSIDE METRO MANILA: PROVIDED, THAT, THE FISCAL INCENTIVES REVIEW BOARD MAY MODIFY THE DIRECT LABOR EXPENSE TO ASSET RATIO OR THE MANUFACTURING EXPORT REQUIREMENTS, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, CONSISTENT WITH THE STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PRIORITY PLAN."

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SEC. 10-A. Repealing Clause. – The following laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations are hereby repealed:

- (A) To transfer to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board the power of the Investment Promotion Agency Board to review, approve, or disapprove fiscal incentives and to mandate the Investment Promotion Agency Board to recommend to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board after a thorough review of the application, the approval or disapproval of the same, the following provisions are hereby repealed:
 - (1) Articles 7(3)(8) and (14) of Executive Order No. 226, series of 1987, entitled "the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987", as amended by RA 7918, entitled "An Act Amending Article 39, Title III of Executive Order No. 226, series of 1987, entitled, 'the Omnibus Investment Code of 1987, as Amended, and for Other Purposes";
 - (2) Section 1 of Executive Order No. 458, series of 1991, entitled "Devolving the Powers and Functions of the Board of Investments Over Investments Within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to the Autonomous Regional Government and for Other Purposes";
 - (3) Sections 7 and 8 of Republic Act 9400, entitled "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7227, as amended, Otherwise Known as the Bases Conversion and Development Act of 1992, and for Other Purposes";
 - (4) Section 85(a) of Subchapter IV-B of RA 9593, entitled "An Act Declaring a National Policy for Tourism as an Engine of Investment, Employment, Growth and National Development and Strengthening the Department of Tourism and its Attached Agencies to Effectively Implement that Policy, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", as amended by Republic Act No. 11262;
 - (5) Sections 7 and 8 of Republic Act No. 9490, entitled "An Act Establishing the Aurora Special Economic Zone in the Province of Aurora, Creating for the Purpose the Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority,

Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", as amended by Republic Act No. 10083, entitled "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9490, Otherwise Known as the "Aurora Special Economic Zone Act of 2007";

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- (6) Section 13(i) of RA 7916, "An Act Providing for the Legal Framework and Mechanisms for the Creation, Operation, Administration and Coordination of Special Economic Zones in the Philippines, Creating for this Purpose, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority and for Other Purposes, as amended by RA 8748 entitled; and
- (B) The provisions of the following laws, including the tax incentives, that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed:
 - (1) Book I, Title III, Article 39(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (I), (J), (K), (M) and (N); Title IV, Article 40; Book III, Articles 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, and 67; Book IV Article 69; Book VI, Articles 77 and 78 of Executive Order No. 226, series of 1987, entitled "The Omnibus Investments Code of 1987", as amended by Republic Act No. 7918, and further amended by Republic Act No. 8756";
 - (2) Executive Order No. 85, series of 2019, entitled "Reducing the Rates of Duty on Capital Equipment, Spare Parts and Accessories Imported by Board of Investments - Registered New and Expanding Enterprises";
 - (3) Section 17 (1) and (2), and Section 18(a), (b), (c), and (f) of Presidential Decree No. 66, entitled "Creating the Export Processing Zone Authority and Revising Republic Act No. 5490";
 - (4) Section 4(e) and (f) of Republic Act No. 7903, entitled "An Act Creating Special Economic Zone and Freeport in the City of Zamboanga and Establishing for this Purpose the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes";
 - (5) Section 4(b) and (c) of Republic Act No. 7922, entitled "An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone and Freeport in the Municipality of Santa Ana and the Neighboring Islands in the Municipality of Aparri, Province of Cagayan Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes";
 - (6) Section 23 of Republic Act No. 7916, entitled "An Act Providing for the Legal Framework and Mechanisms for the Creation, Operation, Administration, and Coordination of Special Economic Zones in the Philippines, Creating for the Purpose the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), and for Other Purposes" as amended by Republic Act No. 8748";
 - (7) Sections 4(f), 5 and 9 of Republic Act No. 9490, entitled "An Act Establishing the Aurora Special Economic Zone in the Province of Aurora, Creating for the Purpose the Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", as amended by RA 10083;
 - (8) Sections 4(f), 5, 9 and 10 of Republic Act No. 9728, entitled "An Act Converting the Bataan Economic Zone Located in the Municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, into the Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB), Creating for this Purpose the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes";

(9) Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7844, entitled "An Act to Develop Exports as a Key Towards the Achievement of the National Goals Towards the Year 2000":

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- (10) Sections 86(a),(c),(d),(e),(f), 88, and 95(a) and (b) of Republic Act No. 9593, entitled "An Act Declaring a National Policy for Tourism as an Engine of Investment, Employment, Growth and National Development, and Strengthening the Department of Tourism and its Attached Agencies to Effectively and Efficiently Implement That Policy, and Appropriating Funds Therefor":
- (11) Section 9 of Presidential Decree No. 538, entitled "Creating and Establishing the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority and Making it a Subsidiary Agency of the Philippine Veterans Development Corporation, Defining its Powers, Functions and Responsibilities, and for Other Purposes" as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1491;
- (12) Section 1 (G) of Executive Order No. 458, series of 1991, entitled "Devolving the Powers and Functions of the Board of Investments Over Investments Within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to the Autonomous Regional Government and for Other Purposes";
- (13) Presidential Decree No. 1955, entitled "Withdrawing, Subject to Certain Conditions, the Duty and Tax Privileges Granted to Private Business Enterprises and/or Persons Engaged in Any Economic Activity and for Other Purposes".
- (C) To expand the powers and functions of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board and enhance its membership, the provisions of the following laws that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed:
 - (1) Sections 1(6) and 2 of Presidential Decree No. 776, entitled "Repealing All Laws, Acts, Decrees, Orders and Ordinances, Granting Exemptions from Taxes, Duties, Fees, Imposts and Other Charges Under Certain Exceptions and Creating a Fiscal Incentives Board";
 - (2) Section 2 of Presidential Decree No. 1931, series of 1984, entitled "Directing the Rationalization of Duty and Tax Exemption Privileges Granted to Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations and All Other Units of Government";
 - (3) Section 1(c) and (d) of Executive Order No. 93, series of 1986, entitled "Withdrawing All Tax and Duty Incentives, Subject to Certain Exceptions, Expanding the Powers of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board and for Other Purposes"; and
 - (4) Memorandum Order No. 23, series of 1986, entitled "Expanding the Membership of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board".
- (D) The provisions of the following laws, that are inconsistent with the provisions on the Strategic Investment Priority Plan, are hereby repealed:
 - (1) Article 7(1) of Chapter II; Article 26, Chapter I, Title I, Book I; and Chapter II, Title I, Book I of EO 226, series of 1987, as amended, entitled "the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987"; and

- (2) Sections 1(F), 2, and 3 of Executive Order No. 458, series of 1991 entitled, "Devolving the Powers and Functions of the Board of Investments Over Investments Within the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao to the Autonomous Regional Government and for Other Purposes".
- (E) Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of RA 10708, entitled "An Act Enhancing Transparency in the Management and Accounting of Tax Incentives Administered by Investment Promotion Agencies."

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All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed accordingly.

- SEC. 10-B. Amendatory Clause. The following laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations are hereby amended or modified accordingly:
- (A) To transfer to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board the power of the Investment Promotion Agency Board to review, approve, or disapprove fiscal incentives and to mandate the Investment Promotion Agency Board to recommend to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board after a thorough review of the application, the approval or disapproval of the same, the following provisions are hereby amended:
 - (1) Section 7(a) and (c) of Republic Act No. 7903, entitled "An Act Creating a Special Economic Zone and Freeport in the City of Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes";
 - (2) Sections 4(f), 8, and 13(c) of Republic Act No. 9728, entitled "An Act Converting the Bataan Economic Zone located in the Municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, into the Freeport Area of Bataan, Creating for this Purpose the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", as amended by Republic Act No. 11453;
 - (3) Sections 12(b), 13(b), 15, and 15-C of Republic Act No. 7227, entitled "An Act Accelerating the Conversion of Military Reservations into Other Productive Uses, Creating the Bases Conversion and Development Authority for the Purpose, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", as amended by Republic Act No. 9400;
 - (4) Sections 69(n) of Subchapter IV-B of RA 9593, entitled "An Act Declaring a National Policy for Tourism as an Engine of Investment, Employment, Growth and National Development and Strengthening the Department of Tourism and its Attached Agencies to Effectively Implement that Policy, and Appropriating Funds Therefor", as amended by Republic Act No. 11262;
 - (5) Section 12(a) & (b) of Republic Act No. 9490, entitled "An Act Establishing the Aurora Special Economic Zone in the Province of Aurora, Creating for the Purpose the Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", as amended by Republic Act No. 10083, entitled "An Act Amending Republic Act No. 9490, Otherwise Known as the "Aurora Special Economic Zone Act of 2007";

(6) Section 6(c) of Republic Act No. 7922, entitled "An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone and Free Port in the Municipality of Santa Ana and the Neighboring Islands of Cagayan, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes";

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- (7) Section 4(a) of Presidential Decree No. 538, entitled "Creating and Establishing the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority and Making it a Subsidiary Agency of the Philippines Veterans Investment Development Corporation, Defining its Powers, Functions and Responsibilities, and for Other Purposes";
- (8) Sections 13(a) and 15 of RA 7916, "An Act Providing for the Legal Framework and Mechanisms for the Creation, Operation, Administration and Coordination of Special Economic Zones in the Philippines, Creating for this Purpose, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority and for Other Purposes, as amended by RA 8748 entitled; and
- (B) The provisions of the following laws, including the tax incentives, that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended:
 - (1) Section 24 of Republic Act No. 7916, entitled "An Act Providing for the Legal Framework and Mechanisms for the Creation, Operation, Administration, and Coordination of Special Economic Zones in the Philippines, Creating for the Purpose the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), and for Other Purposes" as amended by Republic Act No. 8748";
 - (2) Sections 12(c), 15, 15-A, 15-B, 15-C of Republic Act No. 7227, entitled "An Act Accelerating the Conversion of Military Reservations into other Productive Uses, Creating the Bases Conversion and Development Authority for this Purpose, Providing Funds therefor and for other Purposes" as amended by Republic Act No. 9400, and further amended by Executive Order No. 619, series of 2007";
 - (3) Section 6 of Republic Act No. 9728, entitled "An Act Converting the Bataan Economic Zone Located in the Municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, into the Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB), Creating for this Purpose the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes":
 - (4) Sections 86(b) of Republic Act No. 9593, entitled "An Act Declaring a National Policy for Tourism as an Engine of Investment, Employment, Growth and National Development, and Strengthening the Department of Tourism and its Attached Agencies to Effectively and Efficiently Implement That Policy, and Appropriating Funds Therefor";
 - (5) Section 8 of Presidential Decree No. 538, entitled "Creating and Establishing the PHIVIDEC Industrial Authority and Making it a Subsidiary Agency of the Philippine Veterans Development Corporation, Defining its Powers, Functions and Responsibilities, and for Other Purposes" as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1491;
 - (6) Section 1(1.1) of Executive Order No. 97-A, series of 1993, entitled "Further Clarifying the Tax and Duty-Free Privilege Within the Subic Special Economic and Free Port Zone";

(C) The provisions of the following laws that are inconsistent with the provisions on the Strategic Investment Priority Plan are hereby amended:

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- (1) Section 13(j) of Republic Act No. 9728, entitled "An Act Converting the Bataan Economic Zone located in the Municipality of Mariveles, Province of Bataan, into the Freeport Area of Bataan, Creating for this Purpose the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB), Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes", as amended by Republic Act No. 11453;
- (2) Section 12(f) of Republic Act No. 9490, as amended, entitled "An Act Establishing the Aurora Special Economic Zone in the Province of Aurora, Creating for the Purpose the Aurora Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes";
- (3) Section 6(f) of Republic Act No. 7922 entitled, "An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone and Free Port in the Municipality of Santa Ana and the Neighboring Islands of Cagayan, Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes";
- (4) Section 21 of Republic Act No. 7916, as amended, entitled "An Act Providing for the Legal Framework and Mechanisms for the Creation, Operation, Administration and Coordination of Special Economic Zones in the Philippines, Creating for this Purpose, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority and for Other Purposes;
- (5) Article 32, Chapter III, Title I, Book I of EO 226, series of 1987, as amended, entitled "the Omnibus Investments Code of 1987";
- (6) Section 5 of Executive Order No. 80, series of 1993 entitled, "Authorizing the Establishment of the Clark Development Corporation as the Implementing Arm of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority for the Clark Special Economic Zone, and Directing all Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices, Agencies and Instrumentalities of Government to Support the Program"
- (7) Sections 4(b), 13(b)(7) of Republic Act No. 7227 entitled, ""An Act Accelerating the Conversion of Military Reservations into Other Productive Uses, Creating the Bases Conversion and Development Authority for this Purpose, Providing Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes";
- (8) Sections 85 and 88(c)(1) of Republic Act No. 9593, as amended by Republic Act No. 11262, entitled "An Act Declaring a National Policy for Tourism as an Engine of Investment, Employment, Growth and National Development, and Strengthening the Department of Tourism and its Attached Agencies to Effectively and Efficiently Implement That Policy, and Appropriating Funds Therefor"; and

All other laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with this Code are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 11. Separability Clause. - If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall be confined in its operation to the

clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the case, whereas the parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

- SEC. 12. Appropriation. The National Tax Research Center, as the secretariat of the Fiscal Incentives Review Board, shall be provided with an initial appropriation of One Hundred Million Pesos (PHP 100,000,000.00) to be drawn from the available funds from the National Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Finance upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation; *Provided, that* for the provisions under Title XIII, the Secretary of Finance and the Secretary of Trade and Industry shall jointly promulgate the necessary rules and regulations thereof within the same period, after due consultations with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the Board of Investments, and other Investment Promotion Agencies, for its effective implementation.
- SEC. 14. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation; *Provided*, that the effectivity of the provisions under Sections 5, 6 and 7 shall retroact to January 1, 2020.

Approved,